

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NOS. 2005-400-C and 2005-401-C - ORDER NO. 2006-104
FEBRUARY 15, 2006

IN RE: Docket No. 2005-400-C)	ORDER GRANTING
)	CONSOLIDATION OF
Jennifer Carne,)	DOCKETS
)	
Complainant/Petitioner,)	
)	
vs.)	
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Verizon South, Inc.,)	
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Defendant/Respondent.)	
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and)	
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Docket No. 2005-401-C)	
)	
Priscilla Carne,)	
)	
Complainant/Petitioner,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
Verizon South, Inc.,)	
)	
Defendant/Respondent.)	
_____)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission's Staff to consolidate Docket No. 2005-400-C and Docket No. 2005-401-C presently pending before the Commission.

On December 22, 2005, Jennifer Carne and Priscilla Carne (collectively, the Complainants) filed their respective complaints with the Commission against Verizon South, Inc. Upon the complaint filings, the Commission established Docket No. 2005-400-C to address Jennifer Carne's complaint and established Docket No. 2005-401-C to address Priscilla Carne's complaint.

It appears that the complaints are comparable in that both reference continued interruptions in the local telephone service being provided by Verizon to the Complainants. Additionally, it appears that the Complainants reside in the same Verizon service area from which their complaints stem. Due to the similarity of the complaints, the Commission Staff seeks to consolidate the two complaint dockets for hearing purposes.

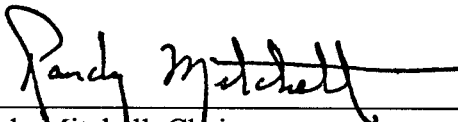
The Commission finds the request of the Commission Staff to consolidate reasonable and finds that judicial economy would be served by the consolidation of the two present dockets, and therefore approve the request to consolidate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission Staff's request to consolidate Docket No. 2005-400-C and Docket No. 2005-401-C for hearing purposes is hereby granted.


2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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